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Claim Amendments:

1 (previously presented). A liquid holding vessel, comprising:
a liquid holding member having an exposed exterior surface formed of plastic with no visible seam;
a separately formed handle that is coupled to said liquid holding member at a bottom region thereof; and
a base member coupled to said liquid holding member substantially below said liquid holding member and said handle;
wherein said handle has a first end that is coupled to said liquid holding member and an opposing end that is free standing and configured for being held by a user, said first end being positioned between said base member and a bottom of said liquid holding member.

2 (original). The vessel of claim 1, further comprising a fastener coupled through said base member to said liquid holding member in a manner that secures said handle between said base member and said liquid holding member.

3 (original). The vessel of claim 1, wherein said liquid holding member includes a shell and a separately formed lining.

4 (previously presented). A liquid holding vessel, comprising:

a liquid holding member;
a handle having a first end that is coupled to said liquid holding member at a bottom thereof;
a base member provided substantially below said liquid holding member; and
a single fastener that secures said liquid holding member, said handle and said base member;
wherein said liquid holding member includes a shell and a separately formed lining; and
wherein said lining and said base member are formed of metallic material, and said lining has a top lip that extends over a top edge of said shell and said base member has a bottom lip that extends beyond a bottom edge of said shell.